

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

- 28th Kindergarten Volunteer Morning 10am-12pm. The more the merrier! Sat
28th School Choir for Grown ups. 10 – 12 in the Chapel. All welcome.

FEBRUARY

- Weds 1st Class 2 Parents Evening
Fri 3rd Coffee morning. Kingfisher Café. After drop off (monthly).
Mon 6th 8 pm – 9 pm Kindergarten Parents Evening (please arrive at 7.45)
Tues 7th Class 6,7 & 8 Science and Maths Curriculum meeting. 6-7pm
Tues 7th Class 6 Parents' evening with Ben Seal 7-8pm
Wed 8th The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner film screening – part II. 7.30pm
Thurs 9th Class 8 Art Trip to London. Tate & White Cube Gallery
Fri 10th Last day of term (normal finishing hours)
Sat 11th Creativity for the Soul – Workshop 10am – 1pm
Sat 11th School Choir for grown ups. 10 – 12 in the Chapel (fortnightly).

MARCH

- Tues 7th Upper School Curriculum – for Class 6,7 & 8 parents. 7 – 8.30pm

SCHOOL EVENTS

Kindergarten parents evening. Monday 6th Feb 7.45 – 9pm

Details in last week's bulletin. Have you signed up on the sheets outside your classrooms?
Please sign up by Monday.

Middle School science and Maths. Tues 7th February 6-7pm.

Details in last week's bulletin. Is this in your Diary yet?

Upper School Curriculum Information evening. Tuesday 7th March* 7-8.30pm

This session will focus on what is being offered here for GCSEs. Whilst this is primarily aimed at families of Class 8 children, families of Class 6 and 7 children are also very welcome to join.

*Printed as 7th Feb in last week's Bulletin. Sorry for any confusion.

Class 8 Art Trip to London – Thursday 9th February.

Class 8 will be taking the coach to London for the day to visit the Rauschenburg exhibition at the Tate Modern then on to the White Cube Gallery in Bermondsey to see German artist Anselm Kiefer. They will be going with Kamar, Matthew Graves, Soili and one other volunteer. All payments must be received (via Parentmail) by tomorrow (Friday).



Rauschenberg



OTHER NEWS

As I walked out... The joys of volunteering on the Kindy walk. By Kirsten (mum of Poppy and Harriet).

I wish you could see what I see. It's a Monday January morning, cold and misty. Sixteen young children are playing in the dead leaves under the trees in a secluded area of Oldbury Court. Some are racing, sliding and rolling down the bank laughing as they go. Some are climbing trees closely supervised by one of the teachers. Others are playing house under some holly trees and a few are sitting on the ground peacefully and perhaps listening to the birds. Today we have been exploring, and come to a different spot in Oldbury Court. This has caused much excitement and a renewed energy, though the usual place with its fallen tree-come-boat, climbing challenges and views overlooking the river is also much loved. At snack time we sit on blankets in a row and sing the blessing and eat rice cakes and apple and drink warm blackcurrant. It's a time for quiet reflection after the exciting play. By the time we walk, jump and sing back to school the children are ready for some quiet book time then a hearty lunch. Every Monday morning I marvel at the skill of the Steiner teacher and assistants' ability to emotionally and physically 'hold' this group of children safely in an outdoor and public environment. The children start the morning by remembering the rules and they remind each other throughout the morning if anyone forgets. They are physically and mentally challenged by the terrain and you see their imaginations and confidence grow. New games are invented, new obstacles overcome, new friendships built.

*I know not all the Kindi classes are getting to go on regular class walks because they need more walk/parent volunteers. My daughter is in a different class and is not getting the opportunity I am helping another class to have. **So please come see what I see and volunteer to help Kindi class walks. The children are waiting to stretch their legs, hearts and minds outside of the school gates and it is wonderful to see. You won't regret it!***

To volunteer one morning a week on a Kindergarten walk, please email anna.pope@steineracademybristol.org.uk . Thank you!

Changing your Kindergarten sessions for Term 4.

If you would like to change your child's sessions for next term please let your teacher know by **Monday 6th February** so they can plan for next term. *Many thanks*

Bicycle security

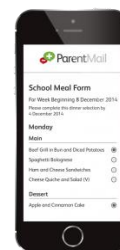
Sadly, someone's bike was stolen from the bike store area over the weekend. It was left here unlocked overnight. Please don't leave unlocked bikes in school for any length of time. The security of bikes are the owners' responsibility. If you need information about sourcing locks, please ask at the school office.

Head lice

Head lice were found in Kindergarten this week. Please check your child's head regularly and apply treatment at home before bringing your child to school. Check siblings and yourselves too.

Parentmail App

Do you have this yet? It makes Parentmail much simpler. Find out more and download <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/customers/parents>



Pupil Premium reminder

If you haven't brought your evidence of benefits to the School office, please do so. We cannot access Pupil Premium funding until we have the evidence logged.

Recruitment

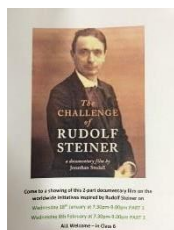
We are advertising for Early Years teacher posts, to start this Easter and September, and Class 1 and 6 teachers to start in September. Please look on our school website for information and pass this on to anyone you think may be interested in applying.

Clothing and dress code --- Reminder for everyone

As detailed in last week's bulletin, please keep on track with the Dress Code. Thanks to everyone who is supporting their children with this.

New Year, New Library! By Rhiannon Kitchen (English Teacher)

Come and spend a bit of time creating our new library! Please email Rhiannon.kitchen@steineracademybristol.org.uk



'The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner' – documentary screening

- Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm --- Part 2
Acclaimed documentary by Jonathan Stedall.
Watch the trailer at <http://rudolfsteinerfilm.squarespace.com/>

Whats on at St. Matthias?

www.st-matthias.org.uk

